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WILL ORGANIZE CAMP TONIGHT

SONS OF VETERANS WILL
MEET TO PERFECT
ORGANIZATION.

PROMINENT MEN TO MAKE TALKS

Gen. N. B. Forrest, Adjutant-
General, and Gen. A. L.
Yates, Commander Expected

Following a preliminary gathering of local citizens which was held at the city hall several weeks ago for the purpose of taking steps towards forming a local camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, a second meeting will be held at the same place at 8 o'clock tonight, at which time permanent organization will be effected.

At the initial meeting it was decided to invite General N. B. Forrest, of Biloxi, adjutant-general of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and General A. L. Yates, of Columbia, commander of the Mississippi Division, to come here and deliver addresses, and on yesterday a telegram was received from General Forrest in which he stated that tonight would furnish his last opportunity to appear here, as he expects to leave soon for the north and will be absent several weeks. Upon the receipt of this letter, a telegram was sent to General Forrest, asking him to come here tonight and a similar message was also sent to General Yates. It is practically certain that General Forrest will be on hand, while it is hoped and believed that General Yates will find it convenient to accept the invitation.

It is to be hoped that a large crowd will attend the meeting tonight, as the Mississippi Division of the United Confederate Veterans is to hold its annual reunion here early in November, and it is very important that Columbus should have a camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans before that time, as the two organizations are co-ordinate, and the veterans will during their meeting here transact a great deal of business that will be interesting to the descendants of those who participated in the great internecine struggle.

Track Service Improved.
The Mobile & Ohio railroad has recently completed an extension of the spur track which some time ago was constructed for hay growers in the section just west of the Tombigbee river, and the extension has added materially to the benefit to be derived from this track.

Buy potato chips the same day they are cooked at the New Arcade Confectionery.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

American investments in Mexico
exceed \$500,000,000.

Richard T. Crane, Jr., the millionaire manufacturer of Chicago, has offered a reward of \$25,000 to anyone who effects a cure for infantile paralysis.

Henry Ford, through counsel, filed in the District of Columbia Supreme Court recently his answer in the \$100,000 libel suit brought against him by the Navy League of the United States, on account of a newspaper advertisement impugning the motives of the league and its officers in their preparedness propaganda.

Housewives of Chicago have been urged to weigh the bread they buy and to assist the city department of weights and measures in watching local bakers for violations of the anti-trust laws and the ordinances against short weights.

Resuming their offensive to the north of the Somme river in France, the French have again smashed the German line, captured front line and other trenches and taken about 1,500 prisoners.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—The Japanese cruiser *Kasagi*, which was built at Philadelphia in 1898, has been wrecked in the straits of Tsugaru, while speeding to the assistance of

MAINE CAPTURED BY REPUBLICANS

PARTY STATE TICKET IS
ELECTED BY MAJORITY
OF ABOUT 13,000.

NAME SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN

State Ticket Given Heavier
Majority Than Congressional
Candidates.

Portland, Me., Sept. 12.—The largest vote in the history of Maine was cast at the State election yesterday. The total vote will approximate 150,000. These figures have not been approached since 1880, the year the Democratic and Greenback parties fused, when the total was 147,802. In the last presidential year and two years ago it fell below 142,000.

The receipt today of the vote from the border and a few isolated towns increased the plurality of Carl E. Milliken, Republican, for governor, over Governor Oakley C. Curtis, Democrat, from the indicated figures of 13,000 last night, to 13,800. Indicated pluralities for the other Republican candidates were confirmed by a revision of the vote. The Republicans will have solid delegations in both branches of Congress and will easily control both houses of the legislature. The report of the Maine Textile Association, for the Second Maine district, made a two days' overland march of sixty miles to exercise the franchise. The vote of the soldiers followed about the percentage of that cast at home.

The country vote, as usual, controlled the election. The cities gave a total plurality of fifty-one for Governor Curtis, as against a total of 6,000 received by him two years ago.

By a vote of about 4 to 1 the voters approved the State law limiting the employment of women and children to fifty-four hours a week.

Complete returns from the Second Congressional district gave White Republican, a plurality of 630 over McGillicuddy, Democrat. The vote was 19,510 to 18,880.

Highway in Excellent Condition.
Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 13.—"The work on the Mississippi section of the Jackson Military Highway is progressing with exceptional activity. I never have seen so much consistent road building, and there is every indication that before October 1, every foot of the highway from Nashville to New Orleans, will have been completed and put in first class shape," declared J. F. Mixer, editor of the Automobile Blue Book, who is logging this branch of the Jackson road.

Mr. Mixer arrived in Hattiesburg Monday night from Meridian, and left Tuesday morning, in company with J. O. Rea, for Logtown, where the last lap of the highway, before going into New Orleans, ends.

MANNING DEFEATS BLEASE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 13.—Governor Richard I. Manning defeated Cole Blease, former governor, in Tuesday's final primary by approximately 5,000 votes. Available returns on Wednesday morning show Manning received 68,926 votes, and Blease 64,274.

Candler defeated Fay for railroad commissioner by 20,000 majority.

In the first primary Blease led Manning by 24,000 votes, but failed to obtain a majority over all.

Alabamians Wed.
Walter Johnson and Miss Blannie Cooley, of Fayette, Ala., were married at the court house here at 10 o'clock Sunday night. The young couple arrived over the Southern Railway at 9:15 p. m., and friends hastily summoned Circuit Clerk J. T. Stephenson, who issued the requisite license, and Justice of the Peace T. M. Cummings, who performed the ceremony.

Quite a crowd of diners were in a restaurant near the court house when some one came in and announced the approaching marriage, and many of them went immediately to the circuit clerk's office to witness the ceremony. The bride, who was very pretty, did not seem to be a bit confused, while the face of the youthful groom fairly beamed with happiness.

A stranded steamer under charter by the navy. The warship ran on rocks off Point Shikubi.



—Orr in Nashville American.

NATIVE COLUMBIAN TELLS OF AMBULANCE WORK IN FRANCE

THOMAS F. MAYO DESCRIBES
IN LETTER HOW WOUNDED
ARE CARED FOR.

A Rhodes scholar from Mississippi, Mr. Thomas F. Mayo, son of Col. Jno. P. Mayo, who was for many years a prominent merchant in this city, but who is now commissioner of immigration at New Orleans, in a recent letter to his uncle, Dr. Caswell A. Mayo, secretary of the New York Medical Journal, from Neuilly-sur-Seine, tells something of the work of the Allies' ambulance corps of which he is a member. He says: "You needn't be surprised at any address you see on my letters nowadays, for there are so many things to do and so many places to go that it is impossible to know what is coming up next. At present I am learning to drive an ambulance and in the meanwhile riding about as second man on another fellow's machine. Our business is to carry the 'bleases' from the trains to the various hospitals in and around Paris."

"Last night we had a call from the Gare du Nord to meet a load of 200 just rolling in from the Somme. My three roommates and I were lolling about at about 10 o'clock, when the 'chateau,' as we call our dormitory, and we were told that we must be at the ambulance yard in half an hour. We all wear khaki uniforms, which involve wrapped puttees, which in turn involve much mental anguish and all sorts of profanity, but we managed to get dressed and out finally, and down to the yard right on the dot.

"I went down with Woodruff, of Texas, who was driving a car new to him, but we went at a pretty stiff rate right through Paris. We dashed through the Monmartre district, and our starting big lights lit up some interesting tableaux, so to speak, for the streets were rather dark. There was a line of twenty cars, and it was a pretty nice sight to see us cutting along. Everybody comes to the edge of the sidewalks and stares at the wild Americans, and all traffic gives us pretty much what room we want.

"The wounded soldiers were not very badly shot up this time, and were very patient, and cheery considering that their wounds were a day old, and that there was necessarily a good deal of jolting as we moved them. But I must say that the whole business of unloading and transporting, was well handled. The hospital people have taken over a big barn-like freight depot at the Gare du Nord and converted it into a station and a sort of first-aid place. The hospital train pulled into the platform and found a perfect array of ambulances waiting for it—French, American and Spanish, the last a most sumptuous affair.

"There are big booths inside the station, and when we have carefully lifted the stretchers off their iron frames in the cars and handed them to the broncardiers, the wounded

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TEST SHOWS THAT RICE CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY GROWN HERE

MR. ASKEW, AN ENTERPRISING
FARMER, HAS GOOD CROP
ON HIS PLANTATION.

Convinced of the fact that it is well nigh impossible to grow cotton here in spite of the boll weevil ravages, local farmers are turning to other agricultural products, and Mr. E. Askew, who lives in the northwestern section of the county near Nayhew, has a considerable acreage devoted to upland rice, which he thinks will bring a good profit.

Mr. Askew was in Columbus Monday and had with him several rice plants, which were grown on his plantation. These stalks were not only well developed, but well fruited, and citizens who are familiar with Louisiana rice fields, declare that they will compare favorably with plants grown in the Pelican States. Mr. Askew states that the plant can be successfully grown on any land that will produce corn, and the cultivation of rice promises to become a profitable industry in this section.

AFTER TEMPORARY DECLINE, COTTON MARKET ADVANCES

PRICES HAVE MADE AN APPRE-
CIABLE GAIN DURING
PAST TWO DAYS.

After having declined steadily last week, the cotton market took an upward turn Monday and appreciable advances were made on that day and at yesterday's session. Monday's advance was temporarily checked by heavy selling, but the bulls were in the saddle yesterday and the loss was more than recuperated, the market having closed firm at an advance of from 15 to 20 points.

At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 15:30, December futures in New York at 15:54; New Orleans spots at 15:25, and December futures in New Orleans at 15:28. In the local market good middling was quoted at 14:75.

Baraca Class Entertains.

The members of the Baraca Class of the First Methodist Church, of which Mr. C. M. Reeves is president, entertained a number of their friends with a barbecue on the campus of the Industrial Institute and College Tuesday evening, and the affair was greatly enjoyed. After the dinner a musical program was rendered in the Music Hall; several selections having been given by Messrs. Paul Zwingle, Baron De Ely, George McCrary, Ed Miller and Legare Bailey, Mr. Hulbert Pritchard acting as accompanist. A short and interesting address was delivered by Hon. C. F. Sherrod. Mr. C. M. Reeves was master of ceremonies.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL DENIES CHARGE BY SHERMAN

BURLESON DEMANDS RETRACTION OF STATEMENT BY
ILLINOIS SENATOR.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Postmaster General Burleson has published a letter he had written to Senator Sherman of Illinois, calling on him to correct "vilely false impressions" left by a statement made by the Senator in the Senate last week.

Senator Sherman read from a Texas newspaper of 1909 to show that Mr. Burleson then was part owner of a Texas ranch on which convicts were employed and declared that the foreman of the ranch, after being acquitted of the charge of causing the death of a negro convict, was appointed postmaster of Longview.

Mr. Burleson's letter says the facts are that he was part owner of a plantation which the state itself leased and operated; that the foreman referred to was the plantation superintendent employed by the state, who was acquitted of a charge believed to have been made for political purposes, and who was appointed postmaster with the acquiescence of the congressman from his district. The Senator is referred to two Senators from Texas for information as to the character of the postmaster, now dead.

COTTON PICKING AND GINNING IS GENERAL.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The weekly summary of crop and weather conditions in the cotton growing states issued by the weather bureau Wednesday for the week ending Tuesday, September 12, says:

During the week, cotton opened rapidly, and picking and ginning progressed under favorable weather conditions. Work was well advanced in the southern parts of the area. The plant is putting on new growth, and again blooming freely in parts of Oklahoma, North and South Carolina. Weevil damage continues especially in Mississippi and Texas. The top crop is making little development in Texas, Tennessee and Georgia.

Corn is maturing rapidly with favorable weather. Fall plowing is making rapid advancement and seedling has begun.

The weather was favorable for sweet potatoes, pastures, gardens, truck crops and sugar cane, and the harvest of tobacco, peanut and rice.

To Improve Golf Links.

The links of the Luxapilla Golf Club are to be materially improved, and at a recent meeting of the organization a resolution authorizing the officials to expend all available funds with this end in view was adopted.

A competent man will be employed to superintend the work, and the links will be placed in a first class condition.

POPULAR BANKER DIES SUDDENLY

S. D. HARRIS, CASHIER OF
FIRST STATE BANK, IS
CALLED BY DEATH.

ILLNESS SEIZED HIM AT THE BANK

Stood High in Columbus, and
His Sudden End Shocked
the Community.

Death came suddenly and almost without warning Monday afternoon to Mr. Samuel Douce Harris, cashier of the First State Bank, who expired after an illness of less than thirty minutes' duration.

Although Mr. Harris had been ill earlier in the summer, he reached the bank at the usual hour this morning, and after greeting his fellow officials remarked that he "felt fine." He attended a meeting of the board of directors at 10 o'clock, and throughout the remainder of the business day continued to discharge his regular duties as cashier. About the time the bank closed, however, he complained of feeling ill, and Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, the family physician, was summoned. He realized at once that the banker was in a serious condition, and lost no time in rushing him in an automobile to his home on South Third street, where he expired before he could be put to bed.

Mr. Harris had, for some time been suffering with periodic attacks of some form of trouble, but attending physicians had been unable to the primal cause of his death has not been definitely determined.

Deceased was 48 years old, and is survived by his widow, two children, Miss Pauline Harris and Mr. Douce Harris, a sister, Mrs. W. C. Craddock, and numerous other further removed relatives.

Mr. Harris was a member of one of the oldest and most aristocratic families in Columbus, and was prominent in the financial, fraternal and social life of the city. His entire business career had been in the bank in which he was engaged when death overtook him. He began more than twenty years ago in a humble position, and gradually worked his way upward, having served in various capacities and having, when the death of the lamented Capt. C. A. Johnston in 1910 necessitated a general shifting of positions, been named as cashier of the bank. For a little more than six years he had held this position, and had discharged its duties faithfully and efficiently.

While retiring and unassuming in disposition, Mr. Harris was always courteous and was known as a man of unimpeachable integrity, having enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and esteem both of his fellow officials and the patronage of the bank. His untimely death is universally regretted, and countless friends join the Commercial in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Funeral services took place at the family residence on South Third street at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, having been conducted by Rev. W. L. Duren, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of whose congregation Mr. Harris was a member. A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the obsequies and the popularity of the banker was attested not only by the large number of mourners present, but in the floral offerings, which were both numerous and beautiful.

Interment was at Friendship cemetery, and Dr. W. E. Richards, Messrs. J. M. Morgan, G. Y. Banks, C. W. Evans, I. L. Gaston, J. T. Searcy, W. B. Harrington and W. H. Brooks officiated as pall bearers, while the flower committee was made up of Mesdames W. B. Hamilton, W. F. Patty, J. M. Morgan, Louis Walker, W. H. Brooks and Miss Augusta Sykes.

Mr. Gus Hauser has returned from Meridian, where he accompanied Mr. J. F. Mixer, editor of the Automobile Blue Book, who is logging this branch of the Jackson Highway, and who visited this city on last Saturday.

Mr. V. B. Innes' numerous friends regret to learn that he continues ill at his home on South Seventh avenue. They wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. T. F. McDowell, of Valley Junction, Texas, is visiting relatives in Columbus.

SYKES DECLARED OFFICIAL NOMINEE

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETS TO
CANVAS RETURNS.

PROTEST FILED BY HIS OPPONENT

Claiming Decision Unfair, Mr.
Knox Says He Will Appeal
to the People.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 13.—The Democratic State executive committee met here Tuesday, and during a stormy session declined to allow R. H. Knox of Houston, personally to present the allegation that there were frauds and irregularities during the second primary on Tuesday of last week, when he was opposed in the northern district for a place on the Supreme Court by Justice E. O. Sykes, whom the committee declared the nominee by a majority of 177 votes.

Before the motion to name the nominee was put, S. L. McLawrin gained the floor and offered a substitute motion that Mr. Knox, who was present, be permitted to make a statement if he so desired. This precipitated a debate that lasted more than an hour.

Mr. Knox arose just before the vote was taken on the motion to declare Mr. Sykes the nominee and called attention to the fact that he filed a sworn statement with the secretary of the committee, Joseph R. Norwood.

Mr. Knox told newspaper men that he thought it unfair that he was not allowed a hearing before the committee and said, "But I will take this to the people." This was taken here to mean that it is probable that he may become an independent in November against Justice Sykes or that he will appeal to the courts, but he would not discuss what he proposed to do.

The allegations in the petitions of Mr. Knox asserted that in some precincts in Tunica and Tate Counties, the election was not legal because no election officers were in charge and that in some instances only verbal reports were submitted.

The official returns as canvassed by the committee today gave Judge Sykes 11,083 and Mr. Knox 10,906 votes.

News was received yesterday from Mr. J. M. Kaufman, who is now in New York purchasing stock for the firm of Kaufman Brothers, "The People's Money Saver," telling of the delightful trip which he is enjoying. Mr. Kaufman was one of the many who had the pleasure of hearing President Wilson's speech at Shadow Lawn.

NEW CARS COMING SOON, SAYS MANAGER CLAGGETT

GENERAL MANAGER OF LIGHT
AND TRACTION COMPANY
BACK FROM CHICAGO.

Mr. R. P. Claggett, the efficient general manager for the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company, who has recently returned from a trip to Chicago, states that the three new trolley cars which have been ordered by the company will arrive within the next three weeks, and will be placed in service as soon as they reach the city.

The new cars will be by far the handsomest ever seen here, having double trucks and being not only electrically lighted but electrically heated, and equipped with electric bells and other conveniences never before enjoyed by the company's patrons.

Mr. Claggett also states that the gas plant is being overhauled and repaired, and the work will result in a material improvement in the quality of the gas. Every branch of the service has been bettered since the company changed hands a few months ago, and the new management should be encouraged by liberal patronage.

Mr. Claggett was accompanied to Chicago by his wife, the trip having been made in his automobile. Both he and Mrs. Claggett will spend the next two weeks at their former home in Greenville, but will return to Columbus the latter part of the month.